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| 1. Or rather a retraction. | 2. Or rather a recantation. |
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| 9. Or rather a consideration. | 10. Or rather a confirmation. |
| 11. Or rather all of them. | 12. Or rather none of them. |



Hen I had finished the precedent pamphlet, & in mine own fantasie very sufficiently euacuated my heade of suche homely stufte, of which it might seeme it was very full

charged: & shewed how litle conceit or opinion I had of mine owne ability, to handle stately matters, by chusing so mean a subiect to discharge my selfe vpon: I thought now to rest me a while, & to gather some strength, by feeding on some finer meates, & making some cullesles and restoratiues for my selfe out of some other mens kitchins, & not open this vain any more. But I laboured al in vain to stop such a vaine: for certain people of the nature of those that first dwelt in the Canaries, haue forced me to a further labour. For whether it were ouer-watching my selfe a primero, or eating too much venison, which they say is a verie melancholic meate: I

Canaries were so called, of the dogs that were found in them.

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The saying is
Thrice an vnder-
shiriffe &
ouer a knaue.

know not howe, but betimes one morning when we vse commonly to take our sweetest sleepe, namely between eight and half houre past ten, I was either in so strange a dreame, or in so straunge a melancholie, that mee thought there came to me a nimble dapper fellow (I can not hit on his name) one that hath prety petifogging skill in the lawe, and hath bin an vnder shiriffe (but not thrise) & is now in the nature of an Attorney, this honest friend told me this solemne tale ; I was (saith he) yesternight at supper at (

)Ordinarie, and there met M. Zoi-
lus, M. Momus, and three or foure good na-
tured Gentlemen more of the same crew,
and towarde the ende of supper they fell to
talking (as their maner is) of certaine bookes
lately come forth. And one of them tolde
how Lipsyas the great Politicke (that lear-
ned to speake so good English but a while
since) had written a booke *de Cruce*, protest-
ing that though he vnderstood not the lan-
guage, yet it offended his conscience, to see
so many crosses in one booke, and he haue so
fewe in his purse ; then they spoke of M.
Raynoldes booke againste Bellarmine, but
they could finde no fault with it, for they
said it was of a matter they vsed not to trou-
ble themselues withall: thyrdly, they descant-
ed of the newe Faerie Queene & the olde
both,

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both, and the greatest fault they could finde in it, was that the last verse disordered their mouthes, and was like a trick of xvii. in a finkapace. Finally they ranne over many mens writings, saying some wanted rime, some wanted reason, and some both. One they saide, was so young, that he had not yet learned to write, another so olde, he had forgotten to write, and was fit now to bee *donatus rude*, as Horace sayth. But to make shorthe, at last one of them pulled out of his bosome, a booke that was not to bee solde in Paules Churchyard, but onely that he had borrowed it of his frinde, and it was intituled. *The Metamorphosis of A-I-A-X*, at which they beganne to make marvellous sport: and because it was a raynie night, they agreed to reade over the whole discourse to passe the time with. First they read the Authours name, and though they vnderstood it not, yet that it might not passe without a iest, they swore that it signified *Mise in a sacke of Mosse*. They read the letters, & stumbling once or twice on a figure called *Prolepsis* or *preuentio*, they were angry their scoffes were so preuented. But whē they founde *Rabbles* named, then they were at home, they looked for pure stusse where hee was cited for an Author. The letters being ended, they perused the

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tures, they swore they were fitte for a gong-
farmer and a chimney-sweeper. Then they
fell to the Metamorphosis, it pleased them
well, they laide it was scurrill, base, shallow,
sordidous; the dittie, the dinge, the etymo-
logie, the pictures, gawie matter of iest, of
scorne, of dilution, of contempt. At last, they
came to the true intent (as they thought) of
the whole discourse of reforming Mayller
ALAX in breath, why, they were so pleased
with it, they were readie to vntresse, and
thought to haue gone to it presently: but
when they came to the exposition of the
name *Misacmos*, and found it was a hater
of filth, it was such a ierke, that they were
halfe out of countenance with it: Iwounds
saith one of them, this fellowe is an enemye
to vs, for we are counted but filthy fellowes
among the graue gray bearded. But at last,
when they were come to the double disti-
ction, directly entituled to them by name,
they had no sooner read it, but there was
such spitting & spalling, as though they had
been halfe choked, they thought they shold
neuer get the taste out of their mouthes,
yet they tooke immediatly fiftie pipes of
Tabacco between fife of them, and an ounce
or two of kissing comfits. And loone after
swearing ouer a Vater noster or two, and
cursing two or three Cicdoes, (I meane the
pox

Marrial saith
quincuncies
puto po. des
sem peractos.

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pox and three or fower (small curses) they vowed a solemne reuenge, and taking penne and inke, they fell to quoting of it, meeting with some matter almost in euerie page, eyther to deride or to carpe at, and when they had doon (for it would make a booke to tel al that passed among them) at last one of the, who had soe iudgmēt but not les mallice the the rest, said in greate choller, doth this idle headed wryter, because he cā tel a tale of old *Stercorum* out of S. Augustine, think that his wyte wil serue him to find means to amend the ill saouours in Richmonde and Greenwich? No, if Hercu'les that serued *Augens*, if *Atlas* that sustained the worlde, if Saynt Christopher that is painted at Richmond with his cariage, *qui tollit peccata mundi*, if all these should ioyne with him, I doubt if it could be doone. Yet saide another of them (in scoffe) wee may thanke him for his good meaning. Nay rather saide a thirde man in earnest, let vs plague him for his malapertnes. In conclusion they all layed their heads together as neere as they coulde for theyr browe antlers, and deuised to indite you at a priuie sessions. Some sayde, you could not bee indited, except you were put out of the peace first: but straight one alledged a president in Wiltshire, of a Iustice indited for a Barreter. Nowe therefore (sayd

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my little Atturney) aduise you how to answer it, for the Selsion wilbe a purchased session sooner then you looke for it. He had but newe ended his speech, and I had scarce leysure to thanke him, when me thought there rushed into my chamber, a thicke well trusted fellow, with a badge iust ouer his heart, and commaunds me in the name that I loue aboue all names, to goe immediatly with him. I must say truly, that though I blessed the name he vsed, and the badge he ware, yet I beshrewed his hart for bringing me no better newes next my heart, but with him I went (for needes he must goe whom the diuell driues) and yet why shoulde I belye the diuell? I thinke for fortie shillings more then his fee, he would haue beene seeking mee a moneth in euery place, saue where I was. But to proceede, mee thought this gentle pursuant brought me before an austere and graue Magistrate, whome I greatly loued and honored, to answer to diuers obiections and articles, that I neuer expected to be charged with, I comforted my selfe as well as I could with an old adage or two, *qui vadit plane vadit sane*, the plaine way hath the surest footing, and *magna est veritas, & preualet*, great is the truth, and preuaileth, and then answered my accusers as I could.

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vnlike the assault of a towne : for first they skirmished as it were with smal shot, which I bare off with the armour & shield of plaine dealing and honest simplicitie , but findyng theyr forces increase, I was glad to retire me into the Castle of innocency , where they made a sore battery, with Rabbinets, Minions, Sakers, and Demicannons. For as God woulde haue it , they had no Cannons, but thus they objected, and thus I answered.

Cannons signifie rules of law. Nowe they are not right cannons but ballard cannons, that batter innocency.

Some layde to my charge, I was an idle fellowe, and shewed by my writinges I had little to doe. Alas saide I, it is too true, and therefore if you know any man that hath an office to spare, you may do well to prefer me to it : for it were a bad office that I woulde not change for this I haue taken vpon me; & if I had another, I woulde bee content thys were deuided among you.

Some said I was but a foole to thinke seriously the deuise worthy to be published & put in practise; as a common benefite, trust me that is true too.

Some supposed, that because my writings now lay dead, & had not bin thought of this good while; I thought (as Alcibiades cut off his dogs taile, to make the people talk of his curtall) so I would sende my Muse abroad, masking naked in a net, that I might say.

Nunc iterum velito vna per ora virum.

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Of my honor that is not true. Will you deny it on your oath? No by our Lady, not for a thousand pounds.

Some said plainly, because my last work was another mans inuention, and that some fine phrased-making fellowes, had founde a distinction betweene a versifier and a Poet, I wrote this to shew I could be both when I listed, though I meane to bee neither, as Thales Milesius, by making himselfe rich in one yeare, shewde his contempt of riches. The deuill of the lye that is,

Some surmised against mee, that because the time is so toying, that wholesome meates cannot be digested without wanton sauce, and that euen at wise mens tables, fooles haue most of the talke, therefore I came in with a bable to haue my tale hearde, I must needs confesse it.

Some said that in emulation of outlandish wits, and to bee one of the first English, that had giuen the venter to make the title of his worke, the worst part of it, I was perswaded to write of such an argument, I will neuer deny that while I liue.

Some affirmed, that I had taken this laughing libertie to grace some that haue fauored me, and grate, against some that had galled me, *gentle my Lord.*

Alasse poore Gentleman (say the standers

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ders by) he will be condemned certainly for this that he hath confest already, if he be not saued by his booke: let vs heare what he will answere to the rest of the inditement.

You did meane some disgrace in the letter afore the booke and in many passages of the booke it selfe, to Ladies and Gentlewomen. Who I? God damne me if I loue them not, I feare more to bee damned for louing them too well.

You did thinke to scoffe at some Gentlemen that haue serued in soe honorable seruices, though with no great good successe. As I am a Gentleman nor guilty: neither do I mean any, but such as will needs be called M. captains, hauing neither caried out with thē, nor brought hōe with thē, worth, wealth, or wit.

You did seek to discredit the honest meaning & laudable endeouours of some zealous & honest men, that seek for reformation, & labour faithfully & fruitfully in the worlde. To this in all & euery not guilty, provided they raile not against Bishops nor against the Communion booke.

You did intende some scorne to greate Maiestrates and men in authoritie, either a-live or deceased, vnder couert names to couer some knauerie. Knauery? no as God Iudge mee my Lord, nor guilty, the good yeare of all the knauery and knaues for

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for me. By whom wilt you be tried? By the Queene and the Ladies, by the Counsel and the Lordes. What sawcie younker, will not meaner triall serue you? No good faith my Lord, I loued alway to bee the worst of the company.

Well sirra, this is the iudgement of the Court, that because there is hope you may prooue a wiser man heereafter, and that you haue some better friendes then you are worthy of, you shall haue this fauour; if the inditement happē to be found, you shal tra-nerse it, and you shall chuse xii. free holders *bonos & legales homines*, that shall enquire of the qualitie of your discourse, and bring in their verdict *quindena Pascha*, & if they find you guiltye, you shall haue a hole bored in your eare. What to do? to weare my Mistres fauour at? Now, God saue your Mistres lyfe my Lord. Clarke of the peace, drawe his enditement vpon the foure last articles that hee denied, and vpon the statute of *Scandale*, for I tell you wee must teach you to learne the lawes of the Realme, as well as your rules of poetry. Lawes? I trow I haue the law at my fingers ends.

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*Aures perdentes super & sint pillory stantes,
Scandalarum in Regis consiliantes,
Aut in magnates noma sedicioso loquantes,
Non producentes aures verba serentes.*

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*Their eares must on the Pillory be nayld,
That haue against her Highnesse Counsaile
rayld,
Or such as of the Peeres foule brutes doe scat-
ter,
And cannot bring their autor for the mat-
ter.*

Wherefore you shal find I will keepe me
safe enough from scandalizing. And if you do
it is the better for you.

What is your name? *Misacmos*. What? it is a
Welch name I thinke? of whence doo you
write your selfe? *Misacmos*, of Carnaruan
Gentleman. Who made you of Carnaruan?
She that made you of Englande. Well, you
shall fare neuer the worse for that, but look
to the answering of your enditemēt I aduise
you. What must I haue no counsell? Straight
a bigge fellow, with a biggin on his head, and
his gowne off of one shoulder, cries no, the
Queene is a partie. But I had rather your
gown were of the other shoulder, and your
head aser, then you should make her a par-
tie against mee, and yet as ill as I loue you, I
would my second sonne had chaunged pos-
sibilities with your eldest, for a thing that I
know, & thus after a few wrangling words,
me thought the Court rose for that time, &
suddenlye my man came busling into my
chamber, and told me, that all the gentlemen
that

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our time, but
one that Mars-
tiall speaks
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that had bin riding on the heath were come
backe againe, and that it was neare xi. of the
clocke, and straight I called for my sute of
Abrizetta, and made all the hast I could to
make mee readie, not so much as trying to
say my prayers, least I might not come tyme
enough to the peace of God at the closet, &
so I might be in danger to loose my dinner.

But having somwhat better pondred with
my selfe this foresaid fancie, I was somwhat
troubled with it, not so much for those han-
ging Metaphors, for as a good Knight of our
countrie sayde, gogs soule first, the best Gen-
tleman of vsal need not forswear hanging,
but that I chought that my Genius heereby
presaged to me some peril to my reputation,
of the sundrie censure I shoulde incurre, by
letting such a pamphlet flye abroad at suche
a time, when euerie thing is taken at the vo-
ley, and therefore I held it not vnnesessarie,
as much as in mee laye, to keepe it from the
viewe and censure of all such as were like to
deride it, despise it, or disgrace it, and to re-
commend it onely to all such as I thought
would allow it and approue it. For to confes
the truth frankly to you my good co-
sins *in res p. d. c. d. e. f. g. h. i. j. k. l. m. n. o. p. q. r. s. t. u. v. w. x. y. z.*, I desire not altogether
to haue it concealed, least some hungry pro-
moting fellowes shoulde beg it as a conceale-
ment, and beg the author also, for writing a
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thing that he were ashamed to shewe, but if I might govern the matter as I wold, I wold generally recommend it onely to such as haue houses & families of their own. For I remember I haue read of a certain king of the Lacedemonians, that being one day priuat in his garden, was teaching one of his sonnes of five yeares old to ride on a sicke, and vna-wares a great Ambassadour came to speake with him, and found him in the manner: at which, both the king and the Ambassadour in the kings behalte began to blush at first; but soon after, the king put away the blush, and the hobby horse together, and with a pretty smile asked the Ambassadour, if hee had any little children of his owne? He answered no. Then saide hee, I pray you tell not what you found me doing, til you haue some little ones of your own, & then tel it, & spare not: for euen so, I woulde request men to forbear reading of thys discourse, or at least reproouing of it: tyll they had of their owne that, that woulde make them know the commoditie and cleanlinesse of it, and for those that will not, I woulde but wish them (as Marriall witness to Charinus.

Quid imprecabor o senex Lucenti. Opto Multos habeat & suburbanum) so I would they coulde ryde on theyr footcloth, and had a house, and ALAX of their owne. Yet
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surely it may bee, it were the wisest way to shew it to none at al, and so I half wish sometimes, but because euerie generall rule must haue his exception, you shall see whome I would be content both the discourse & the deuise may be shewed vnto.

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Directions for
shewing the
booke.

First a good and iudicious scholer, for he will read it, eare hee will iudge of it, and say *omnia probate*; and then perhaps after he hath read it, he will smile, and say it is some young schollers worke, that woulde haue shewed more wit if he had had it; but it is wel, *videntem dicere vetum quis vetat.* &c. And then he will say, it were good, some of his friendes woulde aduise him to spend his talent, and his time on some better subiecte. But some supersilius fellow, or some stale scribe, that thinke men will not iudge them to be learned, except they find faults; they wil sweare, a man would haue written as well, that had read but *Marcus Aurelius*.

A common excuse of such as
breake vp
house.

2 Secondly, I woulde haue it shewed to a housekeeper, that hath much resort to hym, for it were not onely a deede of charity to helpe such a one, but a sinne to hide it from him; for els he may picke a quarrell (and say) that this same company hath so stencht vppe his house, that hee must bee forced to lye at London, till his house be made sweeter.

3 Thirdly, if one be a builder and no house-keeper,

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keeper, let him see it to, for he loues to haue
all fine for his heire; and perhaps I would be
content for the loue I haue had to that hu-
mour, that mymaster his sonne, were married
to his mistres my daughter; as Heywoode
saith of a lustie olde widower, that wooed a
young woman, and boasting howe well hee
would prouide for his sonne.

In a short tale, when his long tale was don:

She prai'd him go home, & send her his son.

But if one be a builder, and a housekeeper
both; then I will come home to his house to
him, I will reade him a lecture of it, I will in-
struete his workeman, I will giue him plots
and models, and do him all the seruice I can
for that is a man of my owne humour, and a
good common wealths-man; but yet I will
giue him a caueat in his care, that I learned
of Sir Thomas Moore, if his purse bee not
well furnisht.

*Edificare domos multas, & pascere multos,
est ad pauperiem, semita laxa nimis.*

*The way from wealth, and store, to want, and
need,*

Is much to build, and many mouthes to feede.

Fourthly, if you would know whether you
shoulde shewe it to Ladies? Yea, in any wise
to all manner of Ladies, of the Court, of the
Country, of the City, great Ladies, lesser La-
dies, learned ignorant, wise simple, foule
wel-

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well favoured, (painted vnpainted) so they be Ladies, you may holdly prefer it to them. For your milk maids, & country housewives may walke to the woods to gather strawberries, &c.

But greater states cannot do so; and therefore for them it is a commodity more then I wil speake of yet vppon a touch of this pointe, make me but a good rime to this line afore dinner.

Within your tower, there is a flower, that holds my heart.

Howbeit, you must not shew it after one fashion to all, but to the wise and sober, after a plaine fashion; to the wanton and waggish, after another fashion; as namely, if they cry (sic for shame) when they heare the title read, or such like, do but you say (for company) that it is a mad fantastick booke indeed and when you haue done hide it away, but wher they may finde it, and by the next day, they will be as cunning in it as you: for this is not the first time that I haue said of such a kind of booke.

*In Brutus presence, Lucresse will refuse it,
Let him but turne his backe, and sh'ill peruse it.*

Fiftly, you may shewe it to all amorous young youthes, that will scratch their head but with one finger at once (as Cato noted of Cesar) and had rather bee noted of
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three disorders in their liues, then of one in their lockes; and specially if they bee so cleanly, that they will not eate pottage (no not alone) but that they will wipe their spoone betweene euery spooneful, for feare least their vpper lippe should infect the netther: for I would thinke certainly, that such a one, if he be so cleanly as he would seeme to be, would make great account of A I A X so well reformed. But yet the world is so full of dissimulation, and hipocrisie, that wee of the plainer sort may be easily deceined; for I hearde of one the last day, in a towne a hundred myle from London, that had engrossed al the fine fashions into his hands; of the curling, perfuming, wiping the spone, &c. and yet after al this cleanlinesse, went to as common, and as deformed A I A X of the feminine gender, as any was in the towne, and then alas, what will suche a one care for my deuise.

Lastly, I would haue it shewed to al good fat corpulent men, that carry with them a writ of *Corpus cum causa*, for they are commonly the best natured men men that bee; without fraude, without trecherie, as *Cesar* said of *Anthony* and *Dalabella*, that hee neuer mistrusted them for any practise, because he saw they were fat, but rather *Casca* and *Cassius*, that were leane hollow fellowes, and

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cared not for a good dinner: And therefore I would be censured by those good fellows that haue lesse gall, and the rather, because I looke euery day for presse money from the

Captaine, to be imployed in the conquest of that country, and this engyn of mine is like to be in great request for those seruices.

But wee thinke, you may say that here is a maruellous restraint made of shewing this discourse of mine, not muche vnlike to our stage keepers in Cambridge, that for feare least they should want company to see their Comedies, goe vp and downe with vizers, and lights, puffing and thrusting and & keeping out al men so precisely; till all the town is drawne by this reuell to the place; and at last, tag & rag, fresh men & subfizers, and all be packt in together, so thicke, as nowe is scant left roome for the Prologue to come vpon the stage: for so you may suppose, that I would bar all from this Pamphlet of mine, saue those, that can write, or read, or vnderstand. But if you take it thus, you doe muche mistake it; for ther be diuers from whome I would keepe it, as I woulde from fire and water, as for example.

Fourte sortes
of men, that
will mislike
of the booke.

First, from a passing proude fellow, such a one as Naaman the Syrian, that would disdain to wash in Iordan, though it would cure him of the Leprosie, or the pox; and to such

such for my part. I would wish they might
lay all in their gold breeches, rather then to
abase their high conceits so much, as to think
vpon poore Master A. I. A. X.

Secondly, from all manner of fooles and
jesters, whether they be artificial, or natural,
for these be so dul, they cannot taste the salt
in a peece of wel poudred writing; and those
be so tart, they will rather loose a friend the
a jest: yet if their rayling were all aide a little,
with the two excellent vertues, of flattering
and begging; one might hope for some kind-
nes at their hands.

Thirdly, if you spie a fellowe with a bay
leafe in his mouth, auoid him, for he carieth
a thinge about him worse then Maister A.
I. A. X, that all the deuises wee haue cannot
reforme.

Fourthly, if you see a stale leane hungrye
poore beggerly thridbare Kaualliero, like
to Lazorelloes Maister, that when hee
dyned at his owne house, came foorth
with more crummes of bread on his beard,
then in his belly, and that beeing descen-
ded of diuers Nobilities, will doe a meane
gentleman the honour to borow ten shil-
linges of him; shew it not him, for though
he can say nothing againste it, yet hee will
leere vnder his hatte, as though hee could
speake more then hee thinkes. For such a

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one that makes not a good meale at home
once in a moneth, hath not a good steele
once in a weeke, and then hee will
neuer say vsgracemercie for it: and this I
may say to you, is a consideration of no smal
importance, for though I must acknowledg,
that is not one of the meritorious woorkes
I looke to bee saued by, yet to haue a prayer
or two from some, that perhappes neuer say
prayer any where else, would do me no hurt,
nor them neither. And mee thinke I myght
much better deserve a knaue Mery to bee
saide for me, where my stately AIA X is ad-
mitted, and standes men in steede: then he,
for whose soule the young gentleman, the
first time hee consummated his marriage with
his wife, said a *Pater noster*: and being asked
for whom he prayed, he told his wife, it was
for his soule, that had taken the paines to
make his way so easie for him. Oh Sir sayde
she, it is a sign you haue trauelled such waies
more then an honest man should haue done,
that you are so cunning, and so they became
good friendes. But ware ryot hoe, whither
am I running? I said I would keepe me from
scandalizing, but if I stop not betime, some
will thinke to haue their actiō in the case a-
gainst me: yet it is good to cast the worst.
Suppose that for my bad indyting, I should
be indyted, as it is twentie to one but if the
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graunted Iurie were prickt by a bad Shiriffe;
out of those foure last mentioned lutes (and
of three of them, you shall haue a full appa-
taunce in most Courts of christendome) they
will sure say *hills, siens*, though they shoulde
say of right nothing but *ignoramus*. But see
see, even with thinking of it, I fall againe in
to my former melancholie, me thinkes the in-
ditement is found, I am arraigned, I plead not
guilty, I wold stl be cried by the nobility by
such as builde stately pallaces, & keepe great
courts, but it wil not be graunted me, I must
haue none but freeholders, I chafe at it, and
wold appeale: they crie it is not the course of
the comon law, I praise the ciuil law: forther
a man may holde play with appealing, yf hee
haue a little idle money to spende, three or
fower yeare. At last comes the little dapper
fellow my honest Attorney, that knowe bet-
ter the course of these matters then I did, and
he roundes me in the eare, and tells me, that
for fortie shillings to Maister high shiriffes
man, that weares the russet satten doublet,
and the yellow sike stockings, hee will vn-
dertake, I shall haue a Iurie of good free-
holders, but for the Nobilitie, it is out of
their commission: and six (sayth hee) what
neede you to stande so much on the Nobili-
tie, considering you desire to haue none but
great housekeepers, & builders? For suppose

Proud.
Fooles.
Beggars.

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Rocks were
fitter for the
then silke
Rockings.

you could get three or fouer to appeare here
at Perworth, or an other hande by the river
Coudroy (where in the old Britons time
Iupiter his palace was said to haue dwelt) and
the young Lorde I heare dooth purpoe, or
rather I shoulde saye and saye (and this is a
good worde, if hee will marke it.) Say also
another dwelt at Roins in Montmouth
shire, where I heare a good Knight of Glo-
stershire affirme, the most honorable house
of that Realme was kept, and a house at
Worcester, where the housekeeper for true
English Noblesse and honour, deserves the
name, better then the house. But when you
shall thinke to make up the Tullage, where will
you haue them? some will bee none of them
as in baline, some that you loue best, will
not be perhaps. *inter quos non marti*, where-
fore the Iudge was your friende more then
you were aware, that giues you choyce of
freholders.

Beleeue me (saide I) I thinke it is so in-
deede, holde thee my little tapper knave,
there is forie shillings for Master the lites
man, to buy him another payle of silke
Rockings, and there is forie pence for thy
good counsell, and see you finde me a Iurie
of substantiall free-holders, that are good
house-keepers to the my honeste
by.

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Rockings.

Hee

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Hegdeth, and ere an Ape can cracke a nut (as they say) hee brings the naines; and Master Cryer he comes; twentie shillings in his shoes; and calles cheim; though hee be sure they cannot heare him. As followeth of John Harington of Exton, in the Countie of Rutland Knight, *alias* John Har: of Burleygh, in the Countie aforesaide, who of Combe in the Countie of VVarwicke, *alias* of Ooston in the Countie of Lecestre, come into the Court, for *elc* &c. Hath he frecholdes; Yea he is a prittie free-holder in all these thire: Moreouer saith a third man, though he be a free-holder, yet he hath married his daughter to one, that for a grandfather, for a father, for two vncles, and three or foure aunts, may compare with most men in England. Lastly a fourth said, & four hundred confirme it, that hee relieues manye poore, and sets them to worke, he builds not onelie his owne houses, but Colledges, and Hospitalls. Marie str, then shall hee bee foreman of my Iurie with all my verie hatte, a builder and an house-keeper both, you cannot deuise to please mee better. I woulde there were a *decem tales* in euerie shire in England, & on that condition, I wold be glad to be one of them. Well, what haue you to say to Syr John Harington & Marie this. Here is one *Misacmos*, that is accused

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servants of the state, to be a writer of offensive Pamphlets; to corrupt manners, the same suspected of divers vntuities, and treasons, not sparing the Maiesties of Kings, and great Emperours (saying one was a ruckold and a foole, an other had an ill face, as in the Pamphlet it selfe more plainly appeareth) now because it seemes hee is a Gentleman, and of reasonable good breeding, he craves to be tried by a substantiall Iurie, of which, for many respects, he will haue you to be the forman. Hee pleades to all the principall matters, not guiltie, and iustifies, that those things they call vntuitch, & treason, are truth and reason. He is to be tryed, by God and countrie, which countrey you are, wherefore your charge is (if it please you) to read the whole Treatise at your leasure, and then to say how you like it. He saith further, he cares not to haue you sworne, because your word will be taken for a greater matter then this, by ten thousand pounds without oath. Iurie Harington.

Who is next? Sir Iohn Peter of Stonden in the county of Essex knight, a good house-keeper, and a builder both. Hath hee free hold? Yea so so, I thinke hee may weare velvet and satin, by the statute of (4. *Ed. 3. Phil. Ma*) for he may dispend twentie Markes a yere vltra reprises.

Well,

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Well, because he is a builder and a house-keeper, I hope he will not deny me to be of my iurie. The same charge, &c. that sir John Harington tooke you, &c. and so long may you keepe a good house. Iurie Peeter.

Sir John Spenser Knight, a good substantiall free-holder in Northampton shire, and a good house-keeper, and so was the father afore him: Oh I remember him, hee had a poore neighbour once dwelt at Holmeby, that made foure verses, if I haue not forgot them, were fortie shillings out of his way.

Eripuit fors dura mihi, fors altera reddis.

Plerumque veteri, rudere structa vides:

Agnos uiuat, Magna Elisabetha per annos,

Quam tam grato, leti fauore beat.

By S. Mary he had good cause to say, well fare a good Mistresse, or else Holmeby had bin ioyned to your free-hold. How say you worthy Knight (and the best man of your name that is, but not that hath been) wil you be of our Iury? You will say you know not this same *Misadmes*. It may bee so very well, for I thinke the fellowe doth scarce knowe himsele at this instant, and yet hee learned your name twenty yeares agoe. Well, I presume you will not refuse it: for though you neuer heard of him, it seemes hee hath heard of you. I will tell you two or three good tokens, you haue three or foure sisters, good

well

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Earles of the
Spencers.

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well fauored, well featured, well statured,
well natured women, for plaine countrie
wenches; and they were married to men,
a step, or two, or three, or fower, aboue the
best yeoman of Kent (well fare all good to-
kens) & one of them is a widow, I bestow
their hartes, and I would their wives were
widowes that made her so; I row it was sir
Iames Harington, & your father, that went
abegging to make a purse to marry their
daughters: but you will make a hundred of
vs goe a begging, if we should followe you?
wyl you haue any more tokens yet? you
you had a brother of Lincolnes Inne, and an
other they say keepes a good house, for I
weene the best house-keeper in Englande
was at his house: yet one token more, you
you haue a learned writer of your name,
make much of him, for it is not the least ho-
nor of your honorable family. I am Spenser.
110 Thomas Stanop Knight, of Shelford in
the Countie of Nottingham, a holsekeeper,
a builder, a substantiall freeholder, come in-
to the Court. Alas sir he is lame hee cannot
come. Is hee so indeede? I am sory for it: I
haue heard that he hath borne some sway in
his countrie, yet bid him not forget the old
proverbe a good friend in the court is worth
a penny in the purse at all tymes. VVell, if
he cannot come, let vs haue another. Q. What
(saith

The
Hart of the
Spencer

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(Syluene) Ray: but a *Partridge* willie
and you may haue his sonne in his place.
What (Maister John Stanop my old school
fellow, an honest and valiant Gentleman) I
will carrie for him with all my hard to the
next. H 16 1611 C no 65 new edd 5th w, atw T

Mathewe Arundell Knight, of Warder
in the Countie of VViltshire, a good free-
holder, and a builder. Tuffe is no house-
keeper, so sayde on that day, the thre score
myle ro Treme Northward. I say (said wyll
knowe within this moneth, as it be so on
next. In the same fashion, do will we then to
take him if I can meet with him, do I saytel
doubt, if he himselfe that fairly sayd spent
so much in honorable seruices, as this free-
holders sonne hath doone.

Secondly, I haue seene both Lordes and
ladies, as well intertained in his poble house,
and serued in as fine plate, and Possim as any
is in the North. And adunt he were no house-
keeper, yet I wold haue him, because I heare
he is a good horsekeeper, a good deare keeper,
a fallow deare keeper, and other such base
things, as may enable hym for my lury.
Come an olde father Peleus, hee lookes
like Prester John in his furred night cappe;
but hee hath more witte vnder that cappe,
then two or three of his neighbours. VVill
it please you sir, to be of our Iurie? It shall
cost

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cost the life of one of the bald faced backed
else. What are you angry. I call you *Polus*?
If I were but an other *Primus*, I would
swear your fortune should be, to be like *Pe-*
lous: for the time was, that one wane of your
Thetis, whē she waited on *Diana* at *Hatfield*,
Who marketh well her graces, shew by my plain-

lie see, you are still *VV* to *simon* *Deil* ni
A *Levin* in her face, did not a *Willoughby*, for

Whist peace (saith my little *A* *turney* in
mine ease) you that are so full of your *Pon-*
trie, we shall have a new indictment framed
against you, upon the statutes of *Regent*. For
telling of fortunes. Have you a wife for that

too? Yes may have I *Sail*, which is, your
Fat *narrator*, *Aegyptus*, *Pha* *signator*, *Am* *on*

Aure *peruvantur*, *simul* *et* *qu* *st* *ingella* *st* *quant* *or*
All fortune tellers, *Ingle* *et* *and* *Egyptians*.

are burned in the care, or whipt by lawes pro-
scriptions. I have only said this in comparison

Notwithstanding, I trust a man may by
poetica *licentia*, and by example of *Kirgil*, tell

fortunes that be past, yet little saide is soon
amended; howbeit, I will not forget to be

thankfull to this good Knight; for one spe-
ciall favour hee did mee. And that was; hee

made me goe when I was with him at *War-*
der, to as stately A I A X house (for a *Som-*
mer house) and as sweet, as any can be; in a

standing, made in an Oke, that hangs ouer a
ponde,

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ponde, and marvell not I call it stately : for this Maister ALAX, if you bring but an angle rod, and a crosbow with you; will afford choice of three royall sportes, to kill Deare, foule, and fish: now this I take it, was more then common kindnesse, and somuch for Iurie Arundell.

Francis Willoughby Knight, of Wollerton in the Countie of Nottingham, a good freeholder, a housekeeper, and a great builder. Oh my neighbour that dwels a hundred mile from mee, and yet but a hedge partes our land: good morrow neighbour with the faire house, the faire wife, & the faire living. *Tout beau*, I pray you let vs haue a faire verdict from you in our matter, or else I will promise you, I will rather lye in the worst Inne in Nottingham, then in the fairest bed-chamber in your house: and if you wilbe of our side, I will pray that all your faires, may be the fairer, one for an other. Iurie VVilloughby.

John Berin Knight, of the same County, a great good housekeeper. Marie Gods blessing on his heart for it. Indeede I remember they would say, that Sir Iohn Berin for Nottinghamshire, was as great a housekeeper as Sir Edward Baynton in Wiltshire: and then I will bee sworne, hee was a good one. Well, let vs make much of him, for there is
but

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but a few of them left I trust he will not refuse me, for my Iurie Iurie Berin.

George Sampoole Knight, a Lincolnshire man, and a Lincolnes Inne man, a good freeholder, and keeps a good house in his country (as I heare) but I knowe my neighbours of Bath will affirme, that he kept good hospitality there: and that hee and his faire Lady both, are a worthy, vertuous, and a godly couple.

Well, let them bee as godly as they may, and as perfecte in the Scripture as *Priscilla & Aquila*; I hope they will not deny, but I have good authorities, for my teshe, and giue a friendly verdict. Iury Sampoole.

Raph Horsey Knight, the best house-keeper in Dorsetshire, a good freeholder, a deputie Lieutenant. Oh Sir, you keep hauks, and houndes, and hunting horses; it may be some made fellowe will say, you must stand in the Bath vp to the chinne, for spending five hundred poundes, to catch hares, and Partridges, that might bee taken for five pounds.

But if you do come to Bath (so you wil be one of my Iurie) I will stand as deep in the bath as you, and it is odds, but at the spring and fall, we shall meet good company there. I pray you giue a friendly verdict, for old acquaintance betweene Kings Colledge, and

Tri-

Accordie to
the tale, in
hundred me-
ry tales.

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Trinity Colledge. Iurie Horsey.

Sir Hugh Portman of Orchard, in the county of Somerset Knight, a good house-keeper, a builder, and a substantiall freeholder. Maris Sir I might ill haue spared him. Come my good Knight, I haue kept you in store for a dead list, I hope you will sticke close to vs, for the law: for you haue as much if you list to shewe it, as some that weare coifes. Besides, you haue that same soueraign medicine against the consumption, called *aureum potabile*: and I knowe your neighbours of Taunton say, you are liberall of it, and for your good hospitality, your neighbours of the Court will say, you are no niggard of your meat. Yet I remember one day, whē I told a good friend of yours: that I was sure you neuer took vsury: wel (saith he) though I grant he doth many men kinde pleasures, yet hee doth them not all *gratis*. I promised him I would tell you so, and to picke a further thanke, I will tell you what I answered him. (For I guessed at his meaning, by meanes I had once soe mattering of the Lanin tongue) if your *gratis* (quoth I) be an adiectiue, the fault is theirs, and the praise is his.

Well Sir Hugo, I will come shortely and see your newe buylded Orchard (I thinke there is not twoo better Orchardes in England, and put Kent to it) and when
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Gratis signifieth to thankfull persons. But *grat* is the aduerbe signifies freely.

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we haue conferred, for reforming one fault there (you can smell my meaning I am sure) then would I aske your opiniō, which makes a man happier, *to be wise, or rich.* I asked a Philosopher once, and (he said) he could not tel, because he saw stil the wise men waite at the rich mens doores.

Well happie are you if you can decide this question, and happier if you cannot decide it. A rich man, a wise man, a builder, and specially a bachelor. *Franco, sciolto, flegato, o che felice stato!* Wherefore keepe you so stil, and belecue mee it is the happiest state, yet tell not my wife that I say so, for (of my honesty) shee will make mee vn say it agayne, with all my heart. Iurie Portman. Cryer count them.

Sir Iohn Harington, one. Sir Iohn Peeter, two. Sir Iohn Spenser, three. Sir Thomas Stanop, foure. Sir Mathew Arundell, fve. Sir Frauncis Willoughby, six. Sir Iohn Berin, seuen. Sir George Sampoole, eight. Sir Raph Horsey, nine. Sir Hugh Portman, ten. whop, why howe nowe Master K. Shiriffes man? Here is but ten giue me a noble of my 40. shillinges backe againe. Oh speake soft sir, you shall haue a *sale* for twoo more, the best wee can get, but wee can finde you no more Knights. There is twoo names more for you. Who haue we here? Raph Sheldon

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of Beeley, in the Countie of Worcester Esquire. Thomas Markham Gentleman.

First let vs see what this Sheldon is. Hath he freeholder? Yea Sir. He is a good freeholder, a great house keeper, a builder, an excellent common wealths man, as any is in all his country, I will warrant you, hee will bee for you. Not too much of your warrantes.

What said Henry Tuttle to his grandfather?

Giue mee leaue I pray you a little, I haue heard he is an vnthrif, I haue forgotten at what game it was, but I am sure it was said, if he had not faire play playd him, he was in daunger within these twoo yeares, to haue lost his lande, by one play or other. By the masse it is true, there was such a matter. Wel,

let him thanke a guiltlesse conscience, and a gracious Princeesse, that hee sped no worse.

Oh these same *Oues & Bowes, & Pecora, Campi*, a flocke of white sheepe in a greene field, and a newe house on a high hill; I tell you, they bee perillous tempting markes to shoot at.

It is strange to see the worlde, not halfe a yeare before, I hearde one that was a greate Courtier say, that he thought him one of the sufficientest wise men of England, and fittest to haue bene made of the Counsell, but for one matter, and indeed by *Cornelius Agrippa* his rule, that is a right Courtiers comenda-

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tions

What is a
knaues war-
rant worth
Aby word in
Somerfetshire

And let him
pray for Tra-
ians soule.
with S. Gre-
gorie.

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tion: For after they haue roused three or four idle wordes to praise a man, straight they mar all at the buts: I would to God for their owne sakes, and mine too, they could leaue it. Well Master Sheldon, I pray you bee of our Iury, for you haue made a fine house at Weston (but I knowe one fault in it.) Nowe though I praise your house like a Courtier with a but, you must bring in your verdict, like a plaine countryman, without the but.

Thomas Markham gentlemen come to the Court, which Markham is this? blacke Markham keeper of Bescowd, why hee is a Squire, I trow I haue a verse for it, made by a most honorable Poet.

*Thomas Markham the gentle Squire,
Whom Sir Fulke Greecill cal'd a grim fire.*

Yea it is true, but the case is altered since: for that same good Knight is lame, or else I dare answer he would haue appeared on this Iurie himselfe (and his sonne is an honorable Gentleman, and a great states man may do a man displeasure about the Queene, it is not good troubling of him.) If it be that Markham I will none of him, for I hearde a noble Philosopher of the same coat that the Poet was, say that he is a Stoicke, and I wil no Stoickes of my Iury; of the twoo extreames, I would rather haue Epicures. Besides that, I would haue no such black fellowes, for we

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shall haue some of these Poetrie men say, as
one said of Sir Harry Goodyear when hee
wrote *Candida sunt comitum Goodyeari nil nisi
nigrum*, he wrote vnderneath it. *Hic niger est,
hunc tu Regina caueo*, a good yeere on him
for his good caueat, for hee hath had since
some young scholars that haue learned to
put in the like *caueats*; *Caue credas* take heed
you trust him not, but Tullie saith in his Ora-
tion *pro Ligario*; *nonne omnem humanitatem ex-
uerunt?* Haue they not cast away all sence of
humanitie? And a little after saith the same
Tullie of *Caue ignoscas*; *Hec nec hominis, nec ad-
hominem vox: qua qui apud te C. Caesar uterur,
suam ipsi citius abiicient humanitatem, quam ex-
torquebunt tuam*, thus in England. Take heed
you pardon not. O lewd speech, not fit to be
spoken of a man nor to a man, which speech,
whosoever shall vse to thee (ô more then *Ca-
sar*) shall sooner discouer their owne cruell
inclination, then extort from thee thy natu-
rall clemencie. O deuine Tullie, is not this
christianly spoken of a heathen? were not
that heathenishly spoken of a christian? Wel
he that should put in such a *caueat* for me, I
would follow presently a *quare impedit*, why
I might not present him for a *cnave* at little
Brainford and lesse honestie.

Thomas Markham Gentleman, come
to the Court; Yet againe? I tell thee I will

In memoria
aeterna erit
iustus.

Accused and
said, Lopus
had bid him
say, he was a
daungerous
man with
Caue credas
Tanquā ster-
cus, memoria
impiorum.

A lowd libel
made at the
death of the
Lord C. na
cellour Hat-
ton.

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none of him, one said hee lookt blacke on
him: yea, but hee that found such fault with
his complexion, I heard one tell him was
dead, and he answered very charitably, yong
he was, and poore he was, and knaue he was,
and so God haue mercy on his knaues soule.
Faith that is like enough to be his aunswere.
Then it maye bee hee is cleare, otherwise,
though hee looke blacke. Cleare, yea on my
worde, *Cand: do pin nel cuor che di suor cigno.*
VVhat is that? *Rara avis in terris nigroque
similimo Cigno;* Just as Iermins lippes, nowe
you haue compared him well, as white as a
black swan. Well I haue no minde to haue
him of my Iurie, hee is but a poore freehol-
der, he hath no credite. No credit? VVhy
his bond hath been taken for twenty thou-
sand pounds. Hath it? more foole hee, I wil
better trust him for half so much, I pray thee
looke me some better freeholder. Why sir?
I aduise you do not scorne him, though hee
be no Knight, he had a Knight to his father,
and hath a Knight to his son, you may well
admit him of your Iurie. I tell thee my lyt-
tle knaue, thou doost presse mee beyonde
good manners, I will not haue him. Harke
in your eare, they say he is mal-content. Who
saith so? Nay who saith not so? *Vnton is vn-
done, Markham is mal-content.* Who hath
not heard that? Wherefore make no more
adoc,

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adoe, but send me for his Nephewe Robert
that came of the elder house, & of the bloud
of Lancaster, he that maister Secretary Wal-
singham gaue the Arabian horse, I woulde
haue him, hee is a fairer complexioned man
by halfe, and in sadnes I wish him well. Hey
ho: what doost thou sigh? Alas sir he wold
come with al his heart, but he is busie sitting
on a commission, (I haue forgotten in what
bench it is) and when he hath doone there,
he must goe they say to another Bench at
Oxford. What Robert Markham of Cottar
so honest a gentleman, so good a house kee-
per, so well descended, so well affected in re-
ligion, & become such a Benchier, that when
he is called is forth comming, but not com-
ming forth? I am sorie I can do him no plea-
sure, I woulde his best cosin did know it. The
time hath beene, that if he coulde haue wal-
ked with a little sticke like a ragged staffe
on his sleeue, or if he had had but a walking
hynde, or a ramping stag, or the white birde,
that is such a beauty to the Thamis, he shold
not haue laine so long after his resting: well
then I perceiue the world goeth harde on al
the Markhams sides; - I thinke they bee all
mal-contents, they shall none of them be of
my Iurie, I pray God they doe not say that I
am of kinne to them, for indeede my name
Misacmos begins with an M. What if one

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should write *Misacmos* is *mal-content*; I wold
leape vppon the letter and replie. By your
leauē you lye, like a lout lewd maister libel-
ler. But *Markham* is *mal-content*, how proue
you it? *Scriptum est enim*, for it is written, but
it is in *libro fictitio*. I wold you coule name
mee your author; yet let vs examine this *ig-
noro*, if he say true. Let vs do him the fauour
that men do to Astronomers, if they tell but
one true tale, beleue him in a hundred lyes,
sure you lyed in al the rest good M. Libeller,
for first he that you saide was vndone, lyued
to do more seruice for his Countrey, then e-
uer you will do, and many thinges are left
vndone by his death, that might perhappes
haue beene much better doone, and he that
you saide sadeth, dooth nowe flourish with a
guilt Axe in his hande, in a much more ho-
norable seruice, and he that you saide wai-
led, is well and merrie (he thankes you not)
and hee you saide was bankrout, payes the
Queene more subsidy, then you and I both
I dare lay a wager, & the other two, the one
need not goe bare head, for want eyther of
hat or haire, and the other will neither dodg
nor doubt to shewe his face as you dooe.
VVherefore M. Libeller (though in this
matter you are cited and beleueed better
then Saynt Austen) yet I beleue you not
in saying *Markhams* be *mal-contentis*: and
yet

Agrippa.

The Libell
is thus.
Vimpton is
vndone.
Markham is
mal-content.

Floure sadeth

Swaine wai-
leth.

Bancroft is
bankrout.

Hutton is
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yet at a venture, I woulde you had the causes of discontent that they haue, so they had none of them, but this I will distinguish vppon the authoritye alledged; that taking *mal-content* as an honest man might take it, namely a man sorrowfull for the grievous losse of his greatest friend; the vngratefull requitalles of most kinde and friendly offices, the vnadvised reuolt of hys deare sonne, the vnaccustomed frowne of his dread soueraigne, if a man felt no discontent in these, I would say hee were a stocke and not a Stoicke, but vnderstanding it as I know you would be vnderstood, that they be *mal-content* as ill affected to theyr prince, I dare say you lye in plain English, but theris one wil come hōe shortly I trow, that wil tel you, if you be so full of the French, as I take you to be, *Tu mens par la gorge*. But good M. Libeller and your fellowes, I knowe your meanings you would faine make *mal-content*s, and it grieues you you cannot, the water is so cleare for your fishing, you catch nothing but goodgins, the great fishes be too warie, and now, you are faine to lesseon your meafnes contrary to statute, being willing to play any game rather then sit out. Or I thinke you haue read the pollicy of Richard the thirde, who to giue his wife a preparatiue to her death, gaue out first she was dead,

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hoping that this corſue (cordiall) would
haue ſaide) might breake her heart , as it did
indeed.

So you worthy members of your country
(God amēd you, for I was ſaying, the plague
take you all) when you would make Mal-
contentes, then your pollicie giues out firſte
that they be ſo. Oh take heed of ſuch a one,
he is a dangerous man. A puritan, why ſo?
Hee will not ſweare nor ride on a Sunday,
thē he wiſhes too wel to the Scottiſh church,
note him in your tables. Another is a pa-
piſt. How know you? He ſaid he hoped his grand-
father ſoule was ſaued. Tuiſh but he goes to
Church. Marie they bee the moſte perillous
men of all. And why ſo I pray you? if they
will venter their ſoules to pleaſure their
Prince, what do you ſuſpect them of? Oh if
they be Catholike, they are Spaniſh in their
hearts, for he is their Catholike King. By my
ſay that is ſomewhat you ſay, but I pray you,
you that are not Spaniſhe but all for the
French, what religion is the French King of?
Oh no more of that, you will anſwere that
when Callis is French againe. Fare you well
Sir.

Thomas Markham Gentleman, come in-
to the Court, and plucke vp thy olde ſpirits.
Is not this he ſhould haue bene controul-
er, and now he is a fraide rather to bee contro-
led?

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led. What euill hath he done? His seconde son grew so great, he could not finde roome enough in Englande. Alas poore boy, God punisheth oft the sinne of the father on the children, but neuer but once that I haue read of the sonnes offence on the father. Is there no body hath a son so farre of? I trow there is. And yet he a true and worthy Gentleman.

Thomas Markham Gentleman, her Ma-iesties seruant extraordinary, come to the Court. Why was he once ordinary? Yea that he was. Alke olde Hatfield men, and alke them quickly too, for they be almost al gone. Why man hee was slanderd bearer to the worthy bande of Gentlemen Pentioners. What did he leaue such a place *gratis*? yea *gratis* the aduerbe. Why would hee leaue it? Because it asked such perpetuall attendance. Oh now you haue answered me, he shall be none of my Iurie for that. Had he so little wit? Well Sir saith my Atturney, I pray you dally no more but take him, for you may haue a worse else. I say vnto you he is a right English man, a faithfull, plaine, true, stout Gentleman, & a man of honesty & vertue. Out asse. What dost thou tel me of these stale fashions of the sworde & buckler times? I tell thee they are out of request now, (honest & veruous.) I durst as leaue you had tolde

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told me a tale of an old laxe. OF A I A X :
Marie that I can do to. I assure you he loues
an easie cleanly laxe maruellous well, and
hee is a very good fellowe at the laxe, for if
one be his deare friend, he will let him rarie
with him, while he is at his businesse. I think
he sayth his prayers there, for I will be sworn
I heard him saye oft times, I thanke God I
haue had a good stoole. &c. May I beleue
this of your worde? yea bee bolde of it I can
proue both this and all the rest by very good
witness. Why didst thou not say thus much
at the first? I would haue had him, though
I had gon to Barwicke on foote for him.
What a good freeholder, a builder, and a
housekeeper, and loues a sweete laxe too,
though he cannot be *Alpha* of my Iurie, yet he
shall bee *Omega*. Come on M. Markham I
must craue lesse acquaintaunce of you as
grim as you looke, did not a Lady say once,
that I shoulde fare the better for that good
face of yours, and God thanke her for it, so
I did indeede: yet now some will make me
beleue, I fare the worse for it. Bee of good
cheare man. What makes you so sad? I haue
commendations for you frō your old friend,
Thomas of Ormond hath sent you a hawke
will make you liue one yere the longer. I can
not make him look merily on me for al this,
he sees he cannot liue long, he must think of
his

A most hono-
rable Earle &
true friend,

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his graue. Tush man though you cannot liue long, you may linger (as please God) as others haue done, some 3. or 4. and 20 yeares yet. What say you? no life? M. Richard Drake hath you commended, and would haue you get the Queene an other gelding, for Gray Markham will haue his old M. fault and fortune both, hee wil be olde, and then they will not care for him. Not a word yet? I wil make him speake anon. You shall haue your sonne ioyned parent with you for Bescood, if he wil come home & be a true knight to the crown. What say you to that? Mary gossell in your mouth, and if he can be proued other, I renounce him for my son. Oh haue you founde your tongue nowe? Well sir, I haue a sure to you, I pray you appeare on my Iurie, & giue a good verdit of our booke called M. ALAX you know the booke wel enough, I read you asleepe in it, once or twice as we went from Greenwich to Westminster. Out vppon it haue you put it in print? did not I tell you the, Charles Chester & 2. or 3. such scoffing fellows would laugh at you for it? Yes; and did not I tell you again, that I wold laugh too, & so we might all be merry? Well grim sire let mee haue a friendly verdict, if it bee but for teaching you to amēd a fault at Bescood, that I felt there 24. winters agoe: & if you do not say well of it, I will cause one or other that
hath

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hath beene at M. AIA X with you, reporte
it in Court to your disgrace, and your Ioane
shall be disgrated too for tying your Points,
and sitting by you so homelie (yet I would
I had giuen 100. pounds shee neuer had had
worse nor vntruer tale told of her,) and so
fare you wel good Master Markham, & god
send you many a good stoole. And thus with
much adoe, the Iurie was impannelled. Now
beganne I to haue a good hope, nay rather a
firme assurance of my acquittall, hauing got a
Iurie of so good sufficiencie, so great inte-
gritie, so sound abilitie: but it is commonly
scene, that in matters depending in contro-
uerfie, the greatest danger is bred by too
much securitie: for the accusation was so hard
followed, that some of their Iurie began to
be doubtfull of their verdict, the witnesses
were so manie, their allegations so shrewd,
and the euidence so pregnant. And not only
the faults of this present pamphlet, but my
former offences, which were before the par-
don (contrary to the due course of all courts)
were inforced against me. As first, to prooue
I had wronged not only Ladies of the court,
but al womens sex; they had quoted a stansc
in *Hary Osto* beginning thus.

*Yee courtly Dames that are both kinde and true,
Vnto your Lordes, if kinde and true be any,
As sure I am in all your louely crue,*

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Of so chaste minde, there are not ouer many:
And after in the hoasts tale worse, if worse
may be.

Nowe hee began to hold his wife excused,
His anger now a little is relented,
And though that shee her bodie had abused,
And to a seruant had so soone consented.
And after, in the person of Rodemont.

Vngratefull false, craftie you are and cruell,
Borne of our burning bell to be the snell.
Not her for this, but be the sex accused,
That neuer can with one man be contented
If all (quoth he) with one like staine are spotted.
Yet on a monster mine was not besotted.

And lastly, in this pamphlet to compare,
or rather to confound baudie houses and
lakes houses, curtesians, and Carters, with
angels and Hermits, there were three or
fowre of the Iurie (that saide) the time had
beene, they would haue thought it no good
manners. But *Alpha* and *Omega*, that haue
euer thought chastitie a vertue, acquitted me
at last, saying, to scorne vice, shewed a loue
of vertue. And for the rest, I pleaded not
onelic a generall but a speciall pardon. Yet
least the slanders by shoulde thinke I had
been guiltye, or that I had beene burnt in
the hand, for the like fact before: I answered,
that in the verse I did but followe my
author. The whole worke being enioyned
me

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me as a pennance by that Saint, nay rather
goddesse, whose seruice I am only deuoted
vnto. And as for the verses before alleadged
they were so flat against my conscience, that
I inserted somewhat, more then once, to qua-
lifie the rigour of those hard speeches. For ex-
ample against railing Rodomont, I said thus:

*I tremble to set downe in my poore verse,
The blasphemies that he to speake presumes:
And writing this, I do know this that I,
Oft in my heart, do giue my pen the lye.*

And in an other place, to free mee from all
suspicion of pretended malice, and to shewe
a manifest euidence of intended loue, where
my author very sparingly had praised some
wiues, I added of mine own () so much
as more I thinke was neuer saide for them,
which I will heere set downe *ad perpetuam
rei memoriam*, and that all posteritie may
knowe howe good a husband I would bee
thought.

*Loe here a verse in laud of louing wiues,
Extolling still, our happie married state,
I say they are, the comforts of our lines,
Drawing a happie yoke, without debate.
A plai-fellow, that far off all grieve drines,
A Steward, early that provides and late;
Faithfull, and kind, sober, and sweet, & trustie.
Nurse to weake age, and pleasure to the lustie.*

Further for the faultes escaped in this fore
alleaged

Mine owne
sub auditur
verse or wife
which you
will,

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alleged Pamphlet, I protested I was readie to make a retractation for their better satisfaction; as namely. First for that homely comparison that I made betweene my Lady Cloacinas house, and my Lady Floras Nimphes, I take it not to holde in generall, but within this exception Except it be a verie foule and deformed harlot; or a very cleane and reformed A I A X.

Secondly for the rules of taming a shrew, that I comended for the wiser. I here protest against that rule: for if it haue not bene followed within the first yere or a day, it is too late to proue a new rule afterwards. And therefore I hold it is a rule or maxime, proued by naturall Philosophy, confirmed by ancient historie, and therefore may here bee concluded in our poore Poetry in this sort.

*Concerning wines take this a certaine rule,
That if at first you let them haue the rule,
Your selfe at last with them shall haue no rule,
Except you let them euermore to rule,*

Aristotle ruled by his wife.

Semiramis asked leaue to rule but a week, but you know what followed.

At this the whole Iury were mery and agreed all to quite me. And as for those that articulated against mee, some of them are so tickled with this answere, as I am sure they will neuer accuse me for an enemy to Ladies any more.

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The next article was for abusing the name of a great souldier, both in that being a *Gracian*, I make him speake in *Latini. a Lingua*; and that hauing beene so renowned for his vawew in warres, I would say his picture was sette in so homely a place, that it might also thereby seeme to haue beene called after his name in English. Now this matter was followed very hotly by halfe a dozen gallant souldiers, that neuer saw naked sword out of Fleetstreet, and these came in swearing, that I had touched them in honor, and they would therefore fight with me about it. The Iurie seemed to make but light of the matter, but yet to satisfie the Gentlemen, specially two of them, that had beene likened to *Brutus* and *Cassius* and called *ultimi Rusticorum*, they wisht me to answer them, which I did in this sort, I said I was loth to fight, for the iustificacion of my wit: & further, I could name them, two honest Gentlemen that had offered M. A I A X as great abuse as this, & he had put it vp at their handes, they asked who they were? I tolde them they were two of his countrymen, one they called him M. Plato, the other M. Plutarke, of whome the one in his tenth booke *de Repub.* saith, that the soule of A I A X went into a Lion, & the other saith, it had bene as good for it to haue gone into an asse, and both agree that it went into

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into hell. And if reading of this will satisfie you, I will turne you to the place, and lende you the booke in Latine or in French, for that I thinke is your better language, and I protest to you, it is an excellent chapter wherein the same Plutarke very diuinely sheweth howe predestination, and free-will, and chance may all stand together. The poxe of Plutarke and you too (saith one of these fighting fellowes,) reade him who list for I will neuer read him, but why shoul'd hee or you either abuse a souldiers name? Oh Syr said I, good words I pray you, though I dare saye you wish mee no worse then you haue your selfe: for I know you are a Gentleman of threedecents, but if that be beyond your reading, let mee come within compasse of your studie, I know you haue read old Skogins iestes. Did not hee when the French king said he had set our kings picture in the place where his close stoole stands. Sir saith he you do the better, for euery time you looke on him, you are so fraide, that you haue need of a close stoole. Now I hope I offer A I A X no greater scorne then that was, yet thanks be to God their successors remain good friends. This did somewhat better answere them, but not fully. Nay Maisters (quoth I,) if you stand on the puntillios with me: whomsoeuer thys answer will not serue, let him send mee the

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Recantare, is
to sing the
same song a-
gaine.

breadth of his buckler (I should say the length
of his rapier) and drawe himselfe as lineallie
from Captaine Medons grandfather as I
haue deerned A I A X from *Stercus*, and
I will presently make a recantation of all I
haue saide. At last to take vp the quarrell, Sir
M. A. and M. R. S. set downe their order,
that he should not be called any more Cap-
taine A I A X, nor *Monsieur A I A X*, but *Don*
A I A X, and then to this second article they
all agreed, not guiltie.

These swearing fellowes being thus dis-
charged, there comes a couple of formal fel-
lowes, in blacke cloakes faced with velvet,
and hats futable to the same, & vnder their
hats little night-caps, that couered their E-
pimetheus, but not their Prometheus, ha-
uing speciall care to kepe their brain warm,
(yet one of the was said to be a hot brained
fellow,) the other had no great fault that I
know, saue that he wold say too long a grace
afore dinner, in somuch that one of his own
coat told him one day, that if he had thought
to haue heard a collation, he wold haue sung
a psalme before it. These whispered two or
three of the Iurie in the eare, and after ha-
uing made a ducking curtesie or two, bad
the Lorde to guide their worships, and so
went backe to their chambers (at the signe
of the Bible: leauing a mad fellowe: theys
Attorney,

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Attorney, to vrgethe accusation they had brought, whiche was in shewe verie sharpe and haynous, to this effect. That they supposed me to be in hart a papist. Straight I sercht euerie corner of my hart, and finding no such thought in it, I asked why any man should say so? I knowe (say I) some of you would see my heart out by your willes: but for that you shall pardon me: But this yee knowe, *ex abundantia cordis, or loquitur*, out of the aboundance of the hart the mouth speaketh. And heere I protest to you all, I neuer defended any opinion of religion, either by way of argument, or writing, that in any point gainsayeth the Communion booke. Let my accusers say so if they can. Yes Syr, saith their zealous Attorney, I heard one testified *viua voce* in a pulpit, that you had defende a popish opinion, of a second coming of Elias. And if I mistake him not much, let rowe his good liuing growes not so fast with his newe benefice, as his good name withers with his ill behauiour. But if hee vse no beter behavior, then to tell mee my faults at Bathe, whē I am at Londō I may fortune play the bad horseman, & spur him at London, for stumbling so ill fauoredly at Bathe. Or if I would ride like a hot spurte, he might happe like a dull Iade (asse he is) be
wrong

All that defend
the Queenes
proceedinges
are coured no
better the Pa-
pists with these
hot fellowes &
they call my
Lord of Cant,
our Pope

To smelt in
gold & silver
and to smelt
in gold & silver
and to smelt
in gold & silver

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wrong on the withers, as one of his coat was for suche a matter in the same place. It may be, he thinkes he hath advantage of me, because he can prate in a Pulpit *cum licencia*, but he shall see by this little, that I have liberty if I list, to reply in print *cum privilegio*, And my replication may fortune be as forcible as his answer.

For some of
them I hope
are but Pote-
staries of an-
no Primo E-
lix.

More I would have said (for I was in choller) but some of the Iurie wished me (for satisfying of the company) to tell what religion I was of. It was a strange question to be asked mee afore such a Iurie (considering I came not thither to be Catechised) & therefore I determined to make them as strange an answer, such as should please them all, or displease them all ere I had done. First I said, neither *Papist*, *Protestant* nor *Puritan*. Then all said they would condemne mee as a newe or *nullo fide iam*, except I gave a better answer.

Then I said, I am a *Protesting, Catholike Puritan*. Tush say they, how can that be? Forsooth euen thus, to beleue well, doe well, and say wel, to haue good faith, good works and good wordes, is not that a good religion? Yes indeede, so done, were very wel said. But said they, directly we expect your answer, what you count to be true Religion, Why when

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then directly thus I answered; out of S. Iustus Epistle, the two last verses, you shall see who be of a wrong religion, and who be of the right Iustus? Oh, saith one by and by, I think he meanes Iames, and straight he puls a little booke out of his sleeue, that looked like *72* *his* picture; with two faces standing East & West, (but it was a testament bound to the backe side of Dauid; Psalmes) and turning to the place, he read as followeth. If a man thinke himselfe Religious, not refraining his tongue, but seducing his heart, this mans religion is vaine.

Pure religion and vndefiled before God, even the Father, is this, to visite Orphanes, and Widowes in their afflictions, & to keep yourselfe vndefiled from the worlde. Why then saith one, if you professe so pure a religion, it seemes you are a Puritan. Euen so.

More time woulde haue beene spent in this matter, but that Sir H. P. tolde them these thinges belonged to the high Commissioners, and therefore wisht them to proceede to the next.

Now for the last article, because it was concerning onely the Pamphlet it self; the whole Iurie refered the censuring thereof to Sir H. P. to say if any thing therein were against the Lawe, because he was well seene in the law.

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Judge Marke
ham would
have bene of
that opinion
in the time of
Ed. the iiii. &
Judge Paston
your grand-
father in Ed.
the vi.

Sapientis est
nihil prestare
grater culpam

He tolde them, that in dede hee had read it
more then once: and that for ought he could
observe in it, it did not in any pointe offend
either common or statute lawe. But (said he)
there is a law (as I take it) more common the
Ciuill, that saith, thinges must be as they bee
taken. Yet for my part, in my verdict I wold
not say any mans eares are hornes, what the
rest said, I could not tel, for I was sent away,
yet I ouer-heard one of them say, he would
talke with a Counsellor, to inform him bet-
ter of the law. But I finding that to growe so
doubtfull, that I thought would haue bin so
cleare, beganne now to thinke it my safest
course, to sue for a pardon. And with that I
awaked, vowing I would neuer write any
more such idleroyes, if this were well taken:
praying the readers to regarde it, but as the
first line of Ilope Fables.

*Gallus galinarius dant veris ster corrumzine-
nit gemmam.*

FINIS.

